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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT April 12, 1991

(Month of March)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters decreased during March. The land crew total decreased by nine to 88, and the marine crew total increased by three, a net decrease of six crews, for a total of 112 crews.

The March total (112) represents a decrease of 5% from last month, a 13% decrease from March, 1990, a 13% decrease from March, 1989, a 42% decrease from March, 1988, a 25% decrease from March, 1987, a 53% decrease from March, 1986, and **a decrease of 71% from the same month in 1985.**

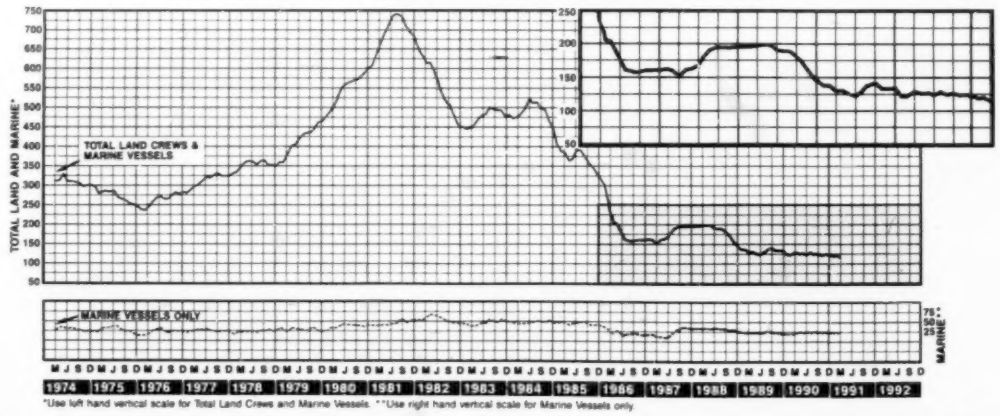
During March, two contractors were operating two of the 82 land crews and one of the twenty-one marine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 112	Last Month 118	Mar.'90 128	Mar.'89 129	Mar.'88 194	Mar'87 150	Mar.'86 240	Mar.'85 388

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1990	Mar. 1989	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1990	Mar. 1989	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985
32 Contr's:	82	91	98	99	150	118	185	306	21	18	19	18	25	15	23	40
5 Oil Co's:	6	6	9	9	15	14	27	34	3	3	2	3	4	3	5	7
1 Gov't:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	88	97	107	108	165	132	212	340	24	21	21	21	29	18	28	48

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)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*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels. **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only.

*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

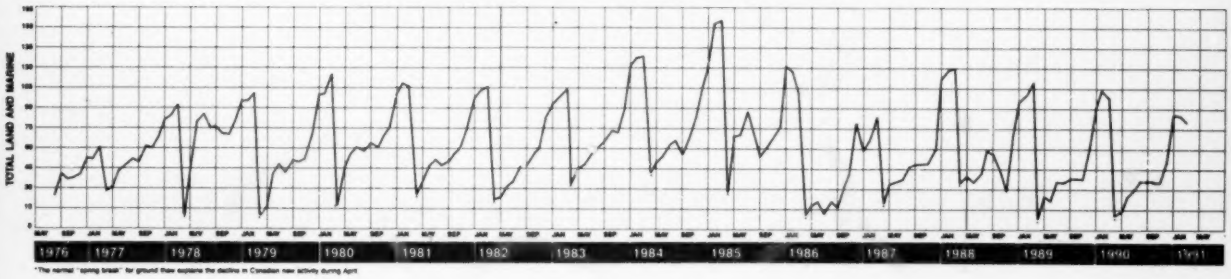
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

March, 1991 (February figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Crews
27 Contractors:	81 (80)	0 (0)
1 Oil Company:	1 (1)	0 (0)
Totals:	82 (81)	0 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was instigated in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy.